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FROM : Chief, S/OM

SUBJECT: Proposed Establishment of a D/S Satellite Committee.

It is believed that the establishment of a D/S Satellite Committee would not be the most effective method of improving D/S intelligence maintenance on the satellite countries.

With the exception of the Arctic section and the analysts working on the Far East area, every S/OM analyst is maintaining separate folders on each S/OM subject for the USSR and each Satellite. It is believed that adoption of this method by those Branches which have not yet used this method would bring better results than could the proposed new committee.

As to intelligence information regarding relations among Bloc countries and the Bloc as a whole, S/TF covers a large portion of this field. S/OM, through his continuing coverage of "Bloc Integration" (Part "A" of the Branch Code), is collecting additional, vital information. It is believed that this should satisfy the requirements of D/S with respect to information on inter-country relations and the Bloc as a whole.

Should, nevertheless, the planned committee be established, is suggested as S/OM member.

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